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In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1725

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Examiner: Zidia Pittman

For: METHOD FOR BONDING DIFFERENT MEMBERS AND  
COMPOSITE MEMBERS BONDED BY THE METHOD

CONFIRMATION OF TELEPHONE ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The Examiner in charge of the above-identified application telephoned applicants' representatives on February 24, 2003, to communicate a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 among Group I, corresponds to Fig. 1, claims 1, 2 and 5-9; Group II, corresponds to Fig. 2, claims 1, 3 and 5-9; and Group III, corresponds to Fig. 3, claims 1, 4 and 5-9.

In response to that requirement, applicants' undersigned representative made a provisional election during a telephone conferences with the Examiner on February 26 and 27, 2003 to prosecute the invention of Group I (i.e., claims 1, 2 and 5-9, Fig.

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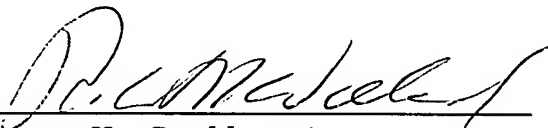
1) in this application. Applicants' undersigned representative hereby confirms that this provisional election was made with traverse, since no adequate basis therefor has yet been stated in the record.

Search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 which states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits." This policy should apply in the present application to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicants and unnecessary duplicative examination by the USPTO.

Respectfully submitted,

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